


~~Please cancel claim 20.~~

Claims 1 and 16 have been amended to recite "vocal cord defect" as supported by the specification at, for example, page 14 *et seq* and claims 18-20 as originally filed. The other claims have been amended in view of the amendments to claims 1 and 16. Therefore, no new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

The application is considered to be in good and proper form for allowance and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issuance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the examination of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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